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Minutes of the Meeting Held June 8, 2010

The Delaware Harness Racing Commission met for a meeting
at the Delaware State Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall Boardroom,
Harrington, Delaware, at 10:15 AM

Commission Members Present

Beth Steele, Chairman	Larry Talley, Commissioner
Robert B. Brown, Commissioner	Patt Wagner, Commissioner
George P. Staats, Commissioner	

Others Present

Andrew Kerber, Deputy Attorney General	Brian Manges, Investigator
Charles Lockhart, VP of Horse Racing, D. Downs	Scott Egger, Presiding Judge
John Hensley, Sr. Dir., Horse Racing, D. Downs	Jo-Ann Price, DHRC Paralegal
Salvatore DiMario, Executive Director, DSOA	B.A. Davis, DHRC Licensing Office Manager
James Boese, General Manager, HRI	Annie Renzetti, DHRC Chief Veterinarian
Karen Craft, Facilities Manager, HRI	Brian J. Manges, DHRC Chief Inspector
Judy Davis-Wilson, Executive Director, DSBF	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
Joe Dugan, Owner	Melvin Cannon, O/T
Matt Sparacino, Assist. General Mgr., HRI	Lorena J. Hartnett, RPR, Wilcox & Fetzer
Holly Ventura	Terri Staats, Paddock Inspector
Joe Strug, Lab Director, Dalare Associates	Alfreda Cannon, Horsewoman
John Whiston, DHRC Assist. Veterinarian	Robert Willard, DAG

CALL TO ORDER

Upon Commission Counsel's arrival at 10:30 AM, Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the May 11, 2010 DHRC Minutes as written; Commissioner Talley seconded and the Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners signed the Order for Rule 5.1.8.7, approved at the May meeting. The revised rule will be adopted 10 days after its publication in the July 1st Register of Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Appeal – Melvin Cannon, Sr. (DD-090-10, positive equine urine sample) A court reporter took verbatim testimony. Mr. Cannon appeared *pro se*; Robert Willard, DAG appeared for the

State. At 11:00 AM evidence was presented off the record for deliberations. After considering the evidence, and additional discussion, Chairman Steele made a motion to consider his circumstances extraordinary, reduce his fine to \$1,000 and his suspension to 15 days. Plus, he will forfeit his purse monies and pay for the cost of the drug testing. Commissioner Wagner seconded; Commissioner Brown voted for; Commissioners Staats and Talley voted against. At 3-2,

the motion passed. An Order will be prepared and signed at the next regular DHRC meeting.

Rules Committee Called
Chairman Steele wants to call a rules committee meeting to discuss the responsibility of payment for split samples, as her understanding has changed: the original test is to be borne by DHRC, and anything past that should be the horsemen's cost. The meeting was set for June 22nd at the Department of Agriculture.

Reports:

Administrator's Mr. Gallagher reported Ramona Hubbard, Assistant Race Secretary at HRI, had her 80th birthday, and was recognized at the track for her long years of service. The Commissioners signed a letter of appreciation. The Due Process Clinic was a first and important step in creating transparency and duplicating DHRC's protocols. A number of reports were created that show handle, purses, blood gas testing results, purse distribution results for Delaware owners, licensing issues, fingerprint issues, and fines collected. Donna Krol is to be commended for putting this together in an easy-to-read format. These summaries will also help with DHRC's monthly and year end reports.

Chief Veterinarian's Dr. Renzetti reported all is well; nothing to report.

Presiding Judge's Mr. Egger also said no report was needed.

DSOA Request to Extend 30 day DHRC (Rule 7.1.3.3.2 to 60 Days for qualifying races): Mr. DiMario explained the reasons for the request of the extension for this year. Commissioner Staats made a motion to extend the rule to 60 days, Commissioner Talley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DHRC:

July, 2010 No meeting
Aug. 10, 2010 – H'ton Raceway
Sep. 14, 2010 – H'ton Raceway

Rules:

Jun. 22, 2010 – Dept. of Ag.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:25 AM, having no further business, Chairman Steele moved to adjourn to executive session and then lunch; there will be no further public business conducted after lunch. Commissioner Talley seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT TO PUBLIC SESSION

At approximately 12:25 PM, having no further business, Chairman Steele moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Staats seconded, and the motion was unanimous.



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